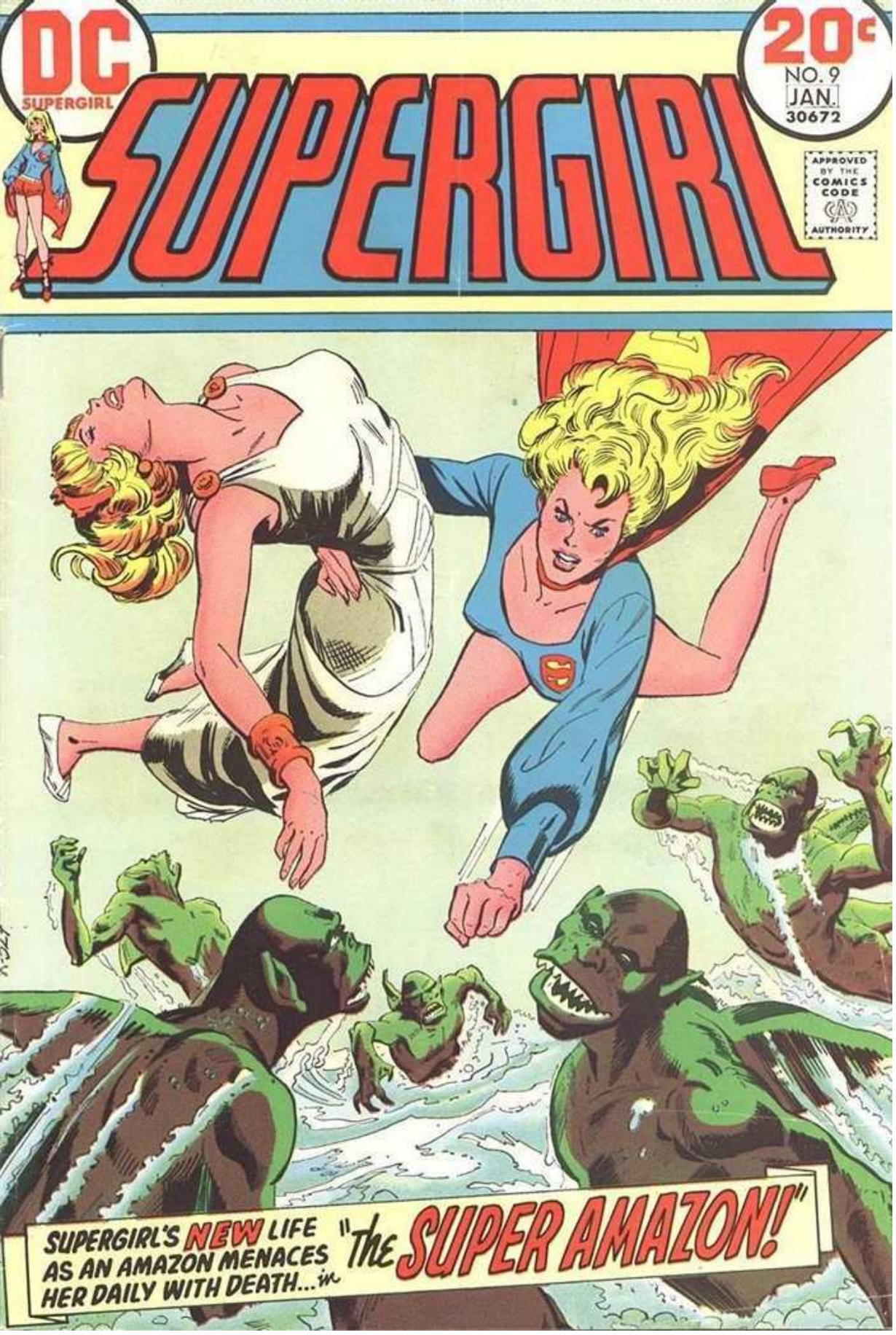
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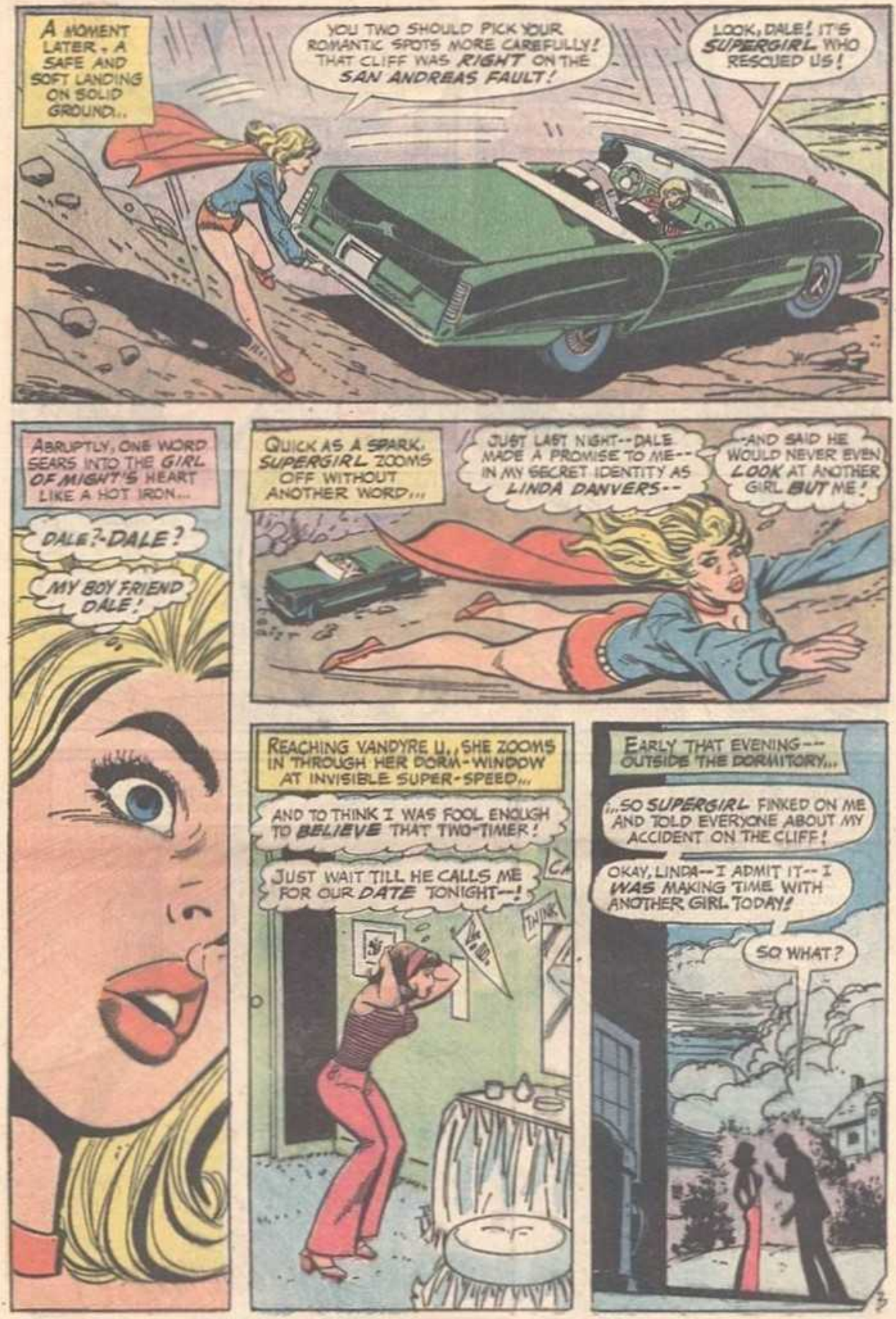
LATE ONE SUMMER AFTERNOON, ON A CRAGGY CLIFF OUTSIDE VANDYRE UNIVERSITY, IN THE SAN FRANCISCO AREA...
OH, DALE... I-I'VE NEVER MET A BOY JUST LIKE YOU!
THEN--DON'T WASTE TIME TALKING!
TH-THE CAR--IT'S GOING OVER!
THE WHOLE CLIFF IS FALLING IN!
CRAACK
BUT EVEN AS THE CONVERTIBLE PLUNGES TO ITS DOOM, A BLURRED BOLT OF RED AND BLUE STREAKS ONTO THE SCENE...
LUCKY I WAS PASSING THIS AREA ON MY WAY BACK TO SCHOOL!
TWO OF MY FELLOW STUDENTS BADLY NEED A HELPING SUPER-HAND!
OMIGOSH! WE'RE NOT FALLING ANY MORE, DALE!
I SEE, BABY, I SEE! BUT DON'T ASK ME WHY!


A MOMENT LATER - A SAFE AND SOFT LANDING ON SOLID GROUND...
YOU TWO SHOULD PICK YOUR ROMANTIC SPOTS MORE CAREFULLY! THAT CLIFF WAS RIGHT ON THE SAN ANDREAS FAULT!
LOOK, DALE! IT'S SUPERGIRL WHO RESCUED US!
ABRUPTLY, ONE WORD SEARS INTO THE GIRL OF MIGHT'S HEART LIKE A HOT IRON...
DALE?-DALE?
MY BOY FRIEND DALE!
QUICK AS A SPARK, SUPERGIRL ZOOMS OFF WITHOUT ANOTHER WORD...
JUST LAST NIGHT--DALE MADE A PROMISE TO ME-- IN MY SECRET IDENTITY AS LINDA DANVERS--
-AND SAID HE WOULD NEVER EVEN LOOK AT ANOTHER GIRL BUT ME!
REACHING VANDYRE U., SHE ZOOMS IN THROUGH HER DORM-WINDOW AT INVISIBLE SUPER-SPEED...
AND TO THINK I WAS FOOL ENOUGH TO BELIEVE THAT TWO-TIMER!
JUST WAIT TILL HE CALLS ME FOR OUR DATE TONIGHT--!
EARLY THAT EVENING--- OUTSIDE THE DORMITORY...
...SO SUPERGIRL FINKED ON ME AND TOLD EVERYONE ABOUT MY ACCIDENT ON THE CLIFF!
OKAY, LINDA--I ADMIT IT-- I WAS MAKING TIME WITH ANOTHER GIRL TODAY!
SO WHAT?

SO WHAT!? BUT--DALE--ONLY LAST NIGHT YOU PROMISED ME I WAS THE ONLY GIRL FOR YOU!
THAT WAS YESTERDAY!
TODAY I... WAS IN THE MOOD FOR A BLONDE... SO I TOOK BAMBI FOR A DRIVE ON THAT CLIFF!
YOU CAN TAKE AS MANY GIRLS UP THERE AS YOU WANT FROM NOW ON-- BUT I WON'T BE ONE OF THEM!
SUIT YOURSELF, LINDA! IT'S YOUR LOSS-- NOT MINE!
ALMOST BLINDLY-- LINDA ONCE AGAIN SWITCHES GARB--
I CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT!
A NIGHT PATROL THROUGH THE SKY WILL CLEAR MY HEAD--!
BUT ONLY MOMENTS AFTER THE BLONDE BOMBSHELL BEGINS SOARING OVER THE RUGGED TERRAIN OF NOTHERN CALIFORNIA...
UH OH! THAT GLIDER-PILOT IS CAUGHT IN A POWERFUL DOWNDRAFT-- PULLING HIS PLANE TOWARD THE GROUND IN A FATAL TAIL-SPIN!
SWIFTER THAN THE SHARPEST EYE COULD FOLLOW, SUPERGIRL ZOOMS UNDER THE PLUNGING PLANE TO BECOME A DIZZYING WHIRLWIND BLUR...
MY SUPER-SPEED SPINNING MOTION IS CREATING AN EVEN MORE POWERFUL UPDRAFT OF AIR... ENOUGH TO PUSH THE GLIDER OUT OF ITS NOSE DIVE!
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NEXT INSTANT, THE GIRL OF STEEL ZOOMS AHEAD OF THE AIRCRAFT AND NAVIGATES IT TOWARD THE GROUND...
NOW I'VE CAUGHT THE GLIDER IN THE SUCTION OF MY AIR-SPEED... SO I CAN GUIDE IT TO A SAFE LANDING!
AND A MOMENT LATER, WHEN THE COCKPIT FINALLY OPENS...
SUPERGIRL! YOU SUPER-MEDDLER! YOU'VE RUINED EVERYTHING! I HAD TO WAIT WEEKS FOR THESE WEATHER CONDITIONS!
WHAT ARE YOU SHOUTING ABOUT? I JUST SAVED YOUR LIFE!
DON'T FLATTER YOURSELF! I COULD'VE PULLED OUT OF THAT DIVE ANY TIME I WANTED!
I WAS PRACTICING A STUNT FOR NEXT WEEK'S AERIAL CIRCUS!
BUT--YOU SPOILED IT!
B-BUT HOW COULD I HAVE KNOWN--?
SKIP THE EXCUSES, SUPERGIRL! NEXT TIME, MAKE SURE YOU'RE NEEDED BEFORE YOU START SHOWING OFF WITH THOSE POWERS OF YOURS!
WOMEN! WHO NEEDS THEM!?
MEN--
WHO NEEDS THEM?
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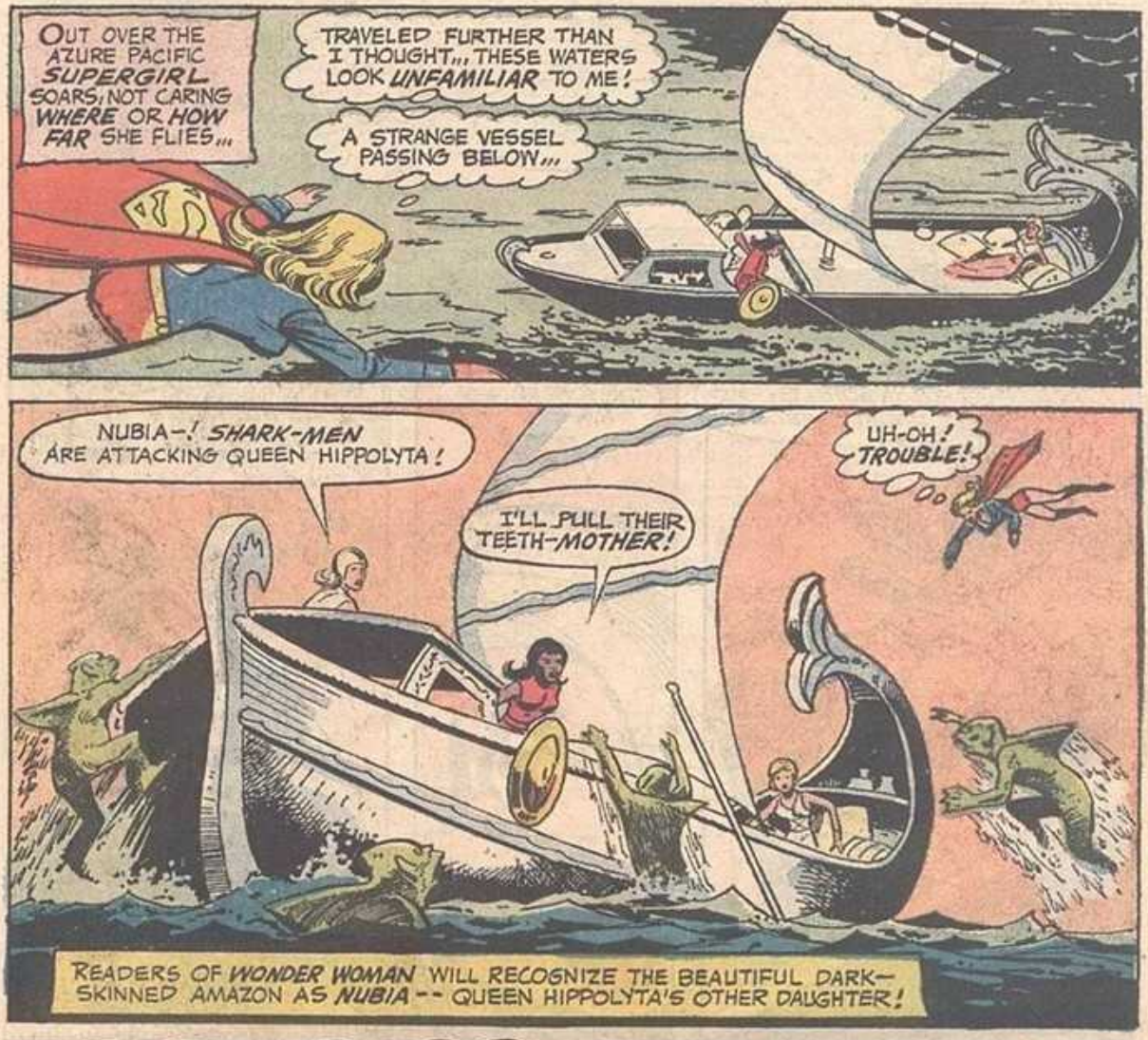
SOON, THE SOARING MAID OF MIGHT FLIES INTO A REGION FILLED WITH THE SOUNDS OF COUNTLESS SHRIEKS AND SCREAMS...
SOUNDS LIKE A DISASTER!
IT'S THE HYSTERICAL FANS OF TEEN-IDOL DRAKE CASSAND!
I WANT A LOCK OF HIS HAIR!
H-HELP!
GIMME HIS SHIRT!!
MAKE LOVE NOT WAR
SUDDENLY, WITHOUT WARNING...
LOOK! WE'RE LOSING HIM!
COME BACK, DRAKE! COME BACK!
AND AS THE FRANTIC MOB WATCHES ITS IDOL DROP FROM SIGHT...
SUPERGIRL!
I FIGURED AN UNDERGROUND ROUTE WAS THE ONLY WAY TO RESCUE YOU FROM THOSE GROUPIES!
I'M GOING TO REWARD YOU WITH A KISS! DON'T FAINT WITH GRATITUDE!
I CAN'T TAKE ANY MORE OF THIS MALE CONCEIT!
WHERE CAN I GO WHERE I WON'T SEE THEIR FACES AGAIN?


OUT OVER THE AZURE PACIFIC SUPERGIRL SOARS, NOT CARING WHERE OR HOW FAR SHE FLIES...
TRAVELED FURTHER THAN I THOUGHT... THESE WATERS LOOK UNFAMILIAR TO ME!
A STRANGE VESSEL PASSING BELOW...
NUBIA—! SHARK-MEN ARE ATTACKING QUEEN HIPPOLYTA!
I'LL PULL THEIR TEETH—MOTHER!
UH-OH! TROUBLE!
READERS OF WONDER WOMAN WILL RECOGNIZE THE BEAUTIFUL DARK-SKINNED AMAZON AS NUBIA -- QUEEN HIPPOLYTA'S OTHER DAUGHTER!
THESE BRUTES ARE FEARSOME... BUT NO MATCH FOR MY AMAZON STRENGTH!
I'VE HEARD OF THESE CREATURES--MUTATIONS FROM NEARBY ATOMIC TESTS! HALF-HUMAN HALF-SHARK!
KILL THE AMAZON!
KILL, KILL!
NUBIA IS SURROUNDED!
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A FANTASTIC FLEX AND SWING OF SUPERGIRL'S ARM, AND...
ONE SHARK-MAN SPLASHED!
SPLAASSH!
I'M INEDIBLE--AND UNCRUSHABLE!
THEY'VE PINNED ME!
WITH A SINGLE BOUND, THE BLONDE BOMBSHELL SLINGSHOTS INTO THE AIR...
SINCE YOU TWO CAN'T TAKE A HINT--
--I'LL SHAKE--
--YOU--
--OFF!
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AND WHEN SUPERGIRL ZOOMS BACK TOWARD THE OVERRUN VESSEL...
HOLA, SUPERGIRL! YOUR FORMIDABLE POWERS HAVE FRIGHTENED OFF THE OTHER SHARK-MEN!
IT'S WONDER WOMAN'S MOTHER!

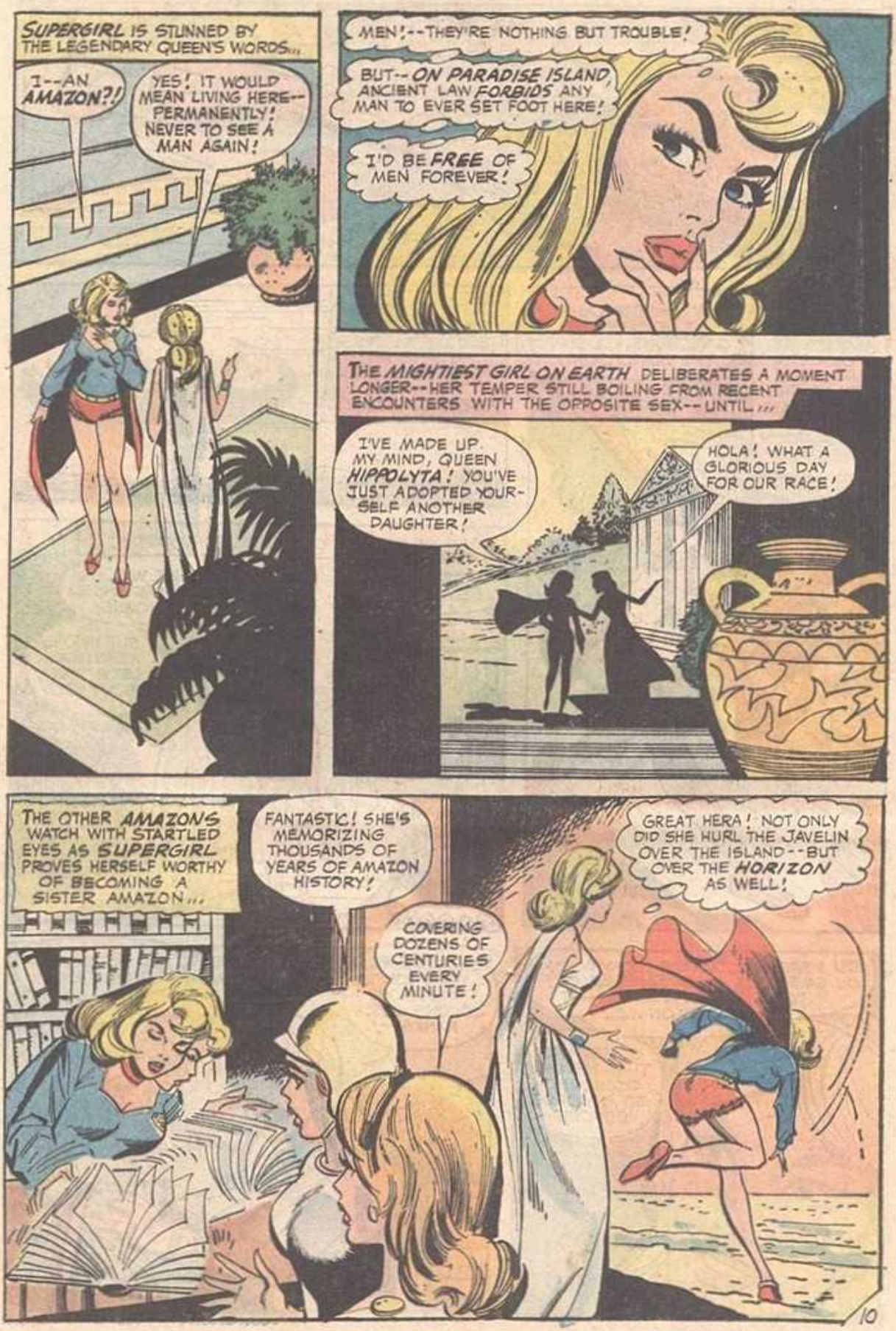
MY OTHER DAUGHTER, NUBIA, WAS WOUNDED DURING THE ATTACK! SHE NEEDS TO BE TREATED BY OUR AMAZON PHYSICIANS!
SAY NO MORE, QUEEN! YOU SUPPLY THE DIRECTIONS, I'LL SUPPLY THE TRANSPORTATION!

NEXT MOMENT, THE ROYAL VESSEL BECOMES SUPER-AIRBORNE AS HIPPOLYTA POINTS THE WAY TO PARADISE ISLAND...

SOON, ON THE SOIL OF THE AMAZON PARADISE...
I HOPE NUBIA WILL BE ALL RIGHT!
I'M SURE SHE WILL-- THANKS TO OUR ADVANCED AMAZON PHYSICIANS!
BUT IN THE MEANTIME, LET'S TALK ABOUT YOU!

YOU WERE SPECTACULAR TODAY WHEN YOU SAVED OUR LIVES, SUPERGIRL! WATCHING YOU IN ACTION-- IT DAWNED ON ME!
SOMETHING THAT NEVER OCCURRED TO ANY OF US BEFORE--

SUPERGIRL, I WANT YOU TO THINK ABOUT JOINING OUR RANKS--!
--TO BECOME AN AMAZON!
AND MY ADOPTED DAUGHTER!


SUPERGIRL IS STUNNED BY THE LEGENDARY QUEEN'S WORDS...
I--AN AMAZON?!
YES! IT WOULD MEAN LIVING HERE--PERMANENTLY! NEVER TO SEE A MAN AGAIN!
MEN!--THEY'RE NOTHING BUT TROUBLE!
BUT--ON PARADISE ISLAND, ANCIENT LAW FORBIDS ANY MAN TO EVER SET FOOT HERE!
I'D BE FREE OF MEN FOREVER!
THE MIGHTIEST GIRL ON EARTH DELIBERATES A MOMENT LONGER--HER TEMPER STILL BOILING FROM RECENT ENCOUNTERS WITH THE OPPOSITE SEX--UNTIL...
I'VE MADE UP MY MIND, QUEEN HIPPOLYTA! YOU'VE JUST ADOPTED YOURSELF ANOTHER DAUGHTER!
HOLA! WHAT A GLORIOUS DAY FOR OUR RACE!
THE OTHER AMAZONS WATCH WITH STARTLED EYES AS SUPERGIRL PROVES HERSELF WORTHY OF BECOMING A SISTER AMAZON...
FANTASTIC! SHE'S MEMORIZING THOUSANDS OF YEARS OF AMAZON HISTORY!
COVERING DOZENS OF CENTURIES EVERY MINUTE!
GREAT HERA! NOT ONLY DID SHE HURL THE JAVELIN OVER THE ISLAND--BUT OVER THE HORIZON AS WELL!
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ALTHOUGH SUPERGIRL IS CHALLENGED BY THE MOST RIGOROUS TESTS...
NEVER HAVE I SEEN SUCH A ROUSING DISPLAY OF FEMALE FORCE...EXCEPT FROM MY FIRST DAUGHTER, DIANA! *
*EDITOR'S NOTE: BETTER KNOWN AS WONDER WOMAN!
AND WHEN THE TESTS ARE OVER--ALL THAT REMAINS IS THE FINAL CROWNING CEREMONY...
YOU HAVE EARNED THE RIGHT TO WEAR OUR ATTIRE, SUPERGIRL! I BRING YOU THE AMAZON TIARA AND BRACELETS!
I GIVE YOU THE BOOTS!
I BESTOW THE BELT!
A MOMENTOUS MOMENT LATER...
FROM NOW ON, SUPERGIRL--YOU SHALL BE CALLED BY YOUR NATIVE KRYPTONIAN NAME--KARA!
I DUB THEE KARA, THE AMAZON PRINCESS!
HOLA! LONG LIVE KARA!
BUT THEN...
FORGIVE ME FOR INTERRUPTING, O QUEEN! I HAVE GRAVE NEWS ABOUT YOUR DAUGHTER, NUBIA!
SUFFERING SAPPHO! WHAT IS WRONG?
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FRANTIC MINUTES LATER...
"...AND NONE OF OUR REMEDIES CAN ROUSE NUBIA OUT OF THIS DEATHLY COMA, O QUEEN. WE'VE TRIED EVERYTHING—BUT HER SHARK-POISONING RESISTS ALL OUR TREATMENTS!
BUT, THERE MUST BE SOME WAY TO REVIVE HER?

NUBIA'S ONLY HOPE WOULD BE A SERUM CONCOCTED FROM THE WILD COLOGI ROOT, O QUEEN! BUT WE HAVE NONE HERE! AND TIME'S SLIPPING AWAY!
GREAT HERA! COLOGI GROWS IN ONLY ONE SPOT ON EARTH--A SMALL UNCHARTERED ISLAND TWO THOUSAND MILES AWAY IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC!

IF ONLY DIANA WERE HERE-- SHE COULD RETRIEVE A COLOGI ROOT IN TIME TO SAVE HER SISTER! BUT SHE'S GONE--ON ANOTHER MISSION! NO WAY TO CONTACT HER!

HIPPOLYTA... I'LL FLY TO THAT REMOTE ISLAND AND BRING BACK THE COLOGI ROOT IN TIME!

YOU'RE NUBIA'S ONLY HOPE!
YOU MUST BE TERRIBLY CAREFUL! THE LEGENDS SAY COLOGI ISLAND IS OVERRUN WITH NIGHTMARISH DANGERS!
I'LL BE CAREFUL... "MOTHER!"

MAY YOU GO WITH THE SWIFTNESS OF MERCURY, KARA!

SOON, AFTER A SUPER-SPEED FLIGHT SOUTHWARD OVER THE PACIFIC'S AZURE WATERS...
COLOGI ISLAND-- DESERTED--AND ISOLATED!
IT APPEARS PEACEFUL ENOUGH...BUT APPEARANCES CAN BE DECEIVING!
THERE ARE THE COLOGI PLANTS... LOOKING JUST AS HIPPOLYTA DESCRIBED THEM!
BUT I SEE NO "NIGHTMARISH DANGERS" IN THE VICINITY--
--JUST A FEW STRANGE SCULPTURED HEADS, NOTHING MORE!
THE AMAZON DOCTORS SAID THE LIFE-SAVING SERUM OF ONE PLANT WOULD BE SUFFICIENT!
NOW TO ZOOM BACK TO PARADISE ISLAND-- AND NUBIA'S BEDSIDE!
AARGGHH
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SUCCUMBING TO A SEVERE SUPER-SHOCK, THE MAID OF MIGHT DROPS TO THE GROUND LIKE A CLIPPED BIRD...
UHH... A SNEAK-ATTACK FROM BEHIND... KNOCKED ME OUT OF THE AIR...
...BUT WHAT HIT ME--?
;GASP! THOSE SCULPTURED HEADS WERE HOLLOW... CONCEALING A TRIO OF MEANACING WITCH-DOCTOR TYPES!
I MUST BE A VICTIM OF THEIR MAGIC! *
* EDITOR'S NOTE: NOT EVEN HER INVULNERABILITY CAN PROTECT SUPERGIRL FROM MAGIC, HER ONE WEAKNESS!
UNNGGH! RUH!
VRRGH!
A WITCH DOCTOR IS USING A MAGICAL BEAM TO SNATCH THE COLOGI PLANT OUT OF MY BELT!
I GUESS THIS PATCH IS THEIR OWN PRIVATE "GARDEN"!
SUPERGIRL TRIES TO REASON WITH HER SAVAGE ATTACKERS, BUT...
PLEASE... LISTEN! IT'S VITAL I HAVE THE COLOGI PLANT BECAU-
UHHHH!
ANOTHER TRIPLE-BARRAGE... EVEN WORSE THAN BEFORE!
DON'T NEED AN INTERPRETER TO FIGURE OUT THEY MEAN TO KILL ME... AND SINCE THEIR MAGIC HAS SAPPED ALL MY STRENGTH...
...I'M POWERLESS TO SAVE MYSELF!

BUT THE NEXT INSTANT--A FIERCE GROWL CUTS THROUGH THE AIR...
GROWWWLL
SUGUA!
SUGUA!
SUGUA!
AIEEEE! SUGUA!
SOMETHING SCARED THEM OFF BEFORE THEY COULD KILL ME! SOMETHING CALLED SUGUA!
GROWWLL!
GROWWLL
SO THAT'S SUGUA--A HUGE WHITE GORILLA! WH-WHY DID THE BEAST SAVE MY LIFE?
A SWIFT SWEEP OF THE SUPER-AMAZON'S ARMS OF STEEL, AND...
NO! PUT ME DOWN! I AM... YOUR FRIEND! FRIEND!
GREAT KRYPTON! A GORILLA THAT TALKS!?
Y-YOU'RE AN ANIMAL IMPERSONATOR! YOU'RE SENSATIONAL! YOU SAVED MY LIFE--WHOEVER YOU ARE!
BUT WHY WERE THOSE WITCH DOCTORS SO TERRIFIED OF YOU?
IN SPITE OF THEIR EVIL MAGIC THEY HAVE A SUPERSTITIOUS FEAR OF ONE ANIMAL --A WHITE GORILLA!
SO I DON THESE DYED APE-SKINS WHENEVER THEY MEAN HARM TO ANYONE!

I AM FONG -- THIS IS MY ISLAND!
MY CHINESE ANCESTORS WERE STRANDED HERE GENERATIONS AGO... AND I'M THE ONLY SURVIVING DESCENDENT!
MY NAME IS... KARA! AND I NEED ONE OF YOUR COLOGI PLANTS DESPERATELY!
AFTER THE MAID OF MIGHT EXPLAINS HER LIFE-AND-DEATH MISSION TO SAVE NUBIA BACK ON PARADISE ISLAND...
...SO I MUST LEAVE AT ONCE, FONG! EACH SECOND I DELAY BRINGS MY AMAZON SISTER CLOSER TO DEATH!
I AM TRULY SORRY FOR YOUR AMAZON SISTER... BUT SHE IS DOOMED!
?!? WHAT A STRANGE THING FOR FONG TO SAY! I'D LIKE TO STAY AWHILE AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HIM BECAUSE HE HELPED ME--
-BUT SAVING NUBIA COMES FIRST!
OMIGOSH! WHEN I TRY TO TAKE OFF-- NOTHING HAPPENS!
NOW YOU KNOW THE TRUTH, KARA!
WHEN THE WITCH-DOCTORS ATTACKED YOU, THEIR MAGIC STOLE YOUR SUPER-POWERS!
YOU SAVED MY LIFE, FONG -- NOW PLEASE HELP ME AGAIN! GET ME OFF THIS ISLAND!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! BECAUSE I SAVED YOUR LIFE--I CANNOT HELP YOU NOW!
BUT--
PLEASE LISTEN! ACCORDING TO THE LAWS OF MY ANCESTORS--NOW THAT I'VE SAVED YOU FROM DEATH ONCE-- I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR YOU FROM THIS DAY FORWARD!

YOU MUST LIVE OUT YOUR LIFE ON THIS ISLAND--WHERE I CAN PROTECT YOU!
YOU'VE GOT TO BE JOKING! YOU CAN'T KEEP ME HERE! I DON'T NEED ANYONE'S PROTECTION! I'M A SUPERGIRL!
HA! HOW SWIFTLY YOU FORGET ABOUT THE WITCH-DOCTORS' SPELLS! YOU'RE JUST AN ORDINARY FEMALE NOW--AND YOU'LL DO AS I SAY!
OWW! FONG'S GRIP IS HURTING MY ARM!
BUT HE'S RIGHT! WITHOUT MY SUPER-POWERS, I'M NO MATCH FOR HIS STRENGTH!
I-I DIDN'T MEAN TO HURT YOU, KARA! I'M SORRY! MAYBE NOW YOU'LL ACCEPT FATE AND NOT TRY TO REJECT MY PROTECTION!
WHAT A FIX! I THINK FONG MEANS WELL... BUT HIS ISLAND LAWS ARE DOOMING POOR NUBIA!
NO ONE TO RESCUE ME... NO OTHER ISLANDS FOR HUNDREDS OF MILES! I WAS RESCUED FROM THE WITCH-DOCTOR'S MAGIC ONLY TO BECOME A PRISONER IN EXILE!
THAT NIGHT, THE YOUNG ORIENTAL RETURNS TO CHECK ON HIS GOLDEN-HAIRED CAPTIVE...
GOOD... KARA IS SLEEPING A PEACEFUL NIGHT!
I CAN ONLY HOPE SOMEDAY SHE ACCEPTS ME AS FONDLY AS I HAVE ACCEPTED HER!
BUT JUST AS FONG DEPARTS TO RETURN TO HIS QUARTERS...
UGHHH!

LEAVING HER UNCONSCIOUS "PROTECTOR" BEHIND, SUPERGIRL DASHES THROUGH THE ISLAND'S MOONLIT JUNGLE...
I FIGURED FONG WOULD CHECK ON ME SOONER OR LATER... SO I WAS READY FOR HIM!
WHILE HE'S OUT COLD, I MUST RACE TO HIS HUT!
I'VE COME UP WITH A SCHEME TO RECOVER MY SUPER-POWERS! IT'S A LONG SHOT, BUT THE ONLY REMOTE CHANCE I'VE GOT!
SOMETIME LATER, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ISLAND -- WHERE THE OMINOUS WITCH-DOCTORS ARE PERFORMING A VOODOO RITUAL...
GROWWL!
...A FRIGHTENING ANIMAL ROAR INTERRUPTS THEIR CHANTS!
GROWWL!
AAIEE! SUGUA!
SUGUA!
GROWWL!
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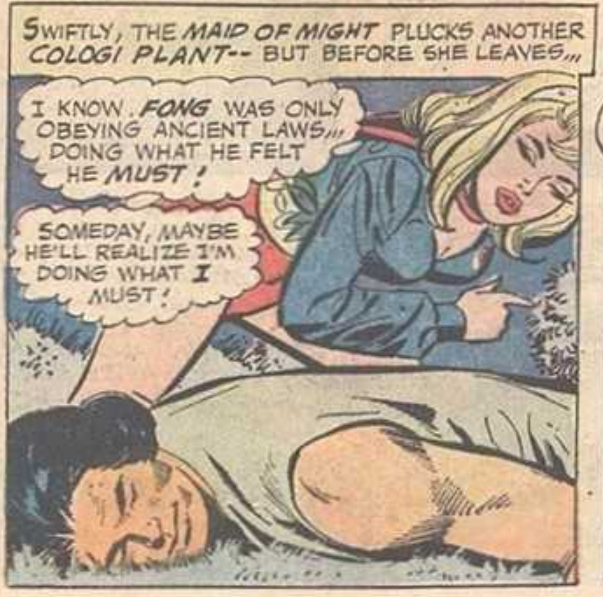
OVERCOME BY BLIND FEAR, THE NATIVES SCRAMBLE AWAY FROM THE DREAD GORILLA...
AIEEEE!
GOOD! I WAS COUNTING ON THEM TO DROP THEIR MAGICAL RATTLES IN THEIR PANIC!
...A GORILLA THAT THINKS HUMAN THOUGHTS! HOW CAN THAT BE, UNLESS...

I'M IN LUCK! AS I HOPED, THE RATTLES ARE STILL SUPER-CHARGED WITH THE ENERGY THEY GAINED FROM ABSORBING MY POWERS--
AND NOW THAT THE RATTLES ARE IN MY GRIP--

--MY SUPER-POWERS ARE FLOWING BACK INTO ME!
I'M SUPERGIRL AGAIN!


SWIFTLY, THE MAID OF MIGHT PLUCKS ANOTHER COLOGI PLANT-- BUT BEFORE SHE LEAVES...
I KNOW, FONG WAS ONLY OBEYING ANCIENT LAWS... DOING WHAT HE FELT HE MUST!
SOMEDAY, MAYBE HE'LL REALIZE I'M DOING WHAT I MUST!

AND AFTER A SUPER-SPEED FLIGHT BACK TO PARADISE ISLAND...
KARA! YOU WERE GONE ALMOST A FULL DAY! I WAS AFRAID OF THE WORST...!
I'M OKAY NOW, HIPPOLYTA! HERE'S THE COLOGI ROOT!

AGONIZING HOURS LATER, AS AMBER RAYS OF DAWN FILTER THROUGH THE WINDOWS OVER THE AILING AMAZON'S BED...
...I'M REGAINING MY STRENGTH NOW...THANKS TO THE COLOGI SERUM...AND YOU, KARA! I OWE YOU MY LIFE!
DON'T MENTION IT, NUBIA! THAT'S WHAT AMAZON SISTERS ARE FOR!

BUT SOON, OUTSIDE, AFTER SUPERGIRL RECOUNTS HER STRANGE ADVENTURE...
I-I DON'T UNDERSTAND, KARA! I THOUGHT YOU WERE READY TO ACCEPT THE AMAZON WAY OF LIFE?
I THOUGHT I WAS, TOO! BUT MY EXPERIENCE WITH FONG TAUGHT ME A LESSON!

ALTHOUGH HE MEANT WELL, IT WAS WRONG OF FONG TO KEEP ME ON HIS ISLAND AND SHUT ME AWAY FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD!
AND NOW I REALIZE I WAS DOING THE SAME THING--EXILING MYSELF TO PARADISE ISLAND!
BUT THE WORLD NEEDS ME!

I'LL NEVER FORGET YOUR KINDNESS, HIPPOLYTA! AND I'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER MY ONE DAY AS AN AMAZON!
AND I'LL ALWAYS THINK OF YOU AS MY THIRD AMAZON DAUGHTER, KARA! FAREWELL!

NEXT ISSUE ON SALE DURING THE LAST WEEK IN NOVEMBER

Dear Editor:

The latest issue (#5) of SUPERGIRL was absolutely fantastic. The Bob Oksner cover really did it, and I never expected to see John Rosenberger's work in this magazine. The artwork is really great!

Arnold Drake's first SUPERGIRL script was good for a starter. His work on "The Doom Patrol" was a knockout, and I hope he can do the same with SUPERGIRL.

The reprinted origin of Zatanna was unexpected, and came as a pleasant surprise, rounding off the issue.

Will Nash
Magnolia, N.J.

Dear Will:

Thanks for the good words! John Rosenberger will be pencilling Lois Lane for us while Art Saaf will return to pencil the Maid of Might.

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Dear Editor:

The fifth issue of SUPERGIRL was the fifth good issue in a row. The character of SUPERGIRL proves that an over-abundance of super-powers in a super-hero(ine) does not make interesting stories a difficult achievement. I don't know how many times SUPERGIRL has lost her powers for plot development, as in "The Devil's Brother" of the June issue, but each time it is for a new, thrilling adventure.

Just a few years ago, each time one of the super-cousins became powerless was a devastating experience. Now, however, there are many more tactful methods to make SUPERGIRL non-super. There were many great plots (especially in the 1950's) wherein Superman became powerless, back in the days when he was usually depicted as an omnipotent figure. He was at a great loss to cope with situations at these times and usually the tale revolved around his just trying to stay alive. With SUPERGIRL it's different . . . she not only COPES, but WINS as well. But this is to be expected. Since Superman lost 1/3 of his superpowers, SUPERGIRL is more super than her cousin!

Jim Balko
Holden, Mass.

Dear Jim:

Not only is she more "super," but more interesting, too. Superman has his profession and life-style mapped out, while SUPERGIRL does not. Along with the interesting problem of having TWO sets of parents, she STILL has to decide what she wants to do with her civilian life. The fact that she's young and beautiful also provides for interesting romantic entanglements; especially since she has a talent for becoming involved with men who are not exactly paragons of virtue. And one more thing . . . SUPERGIRL's a lot cuter than her cousin!

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Dear Editor:

Why do SUPERGIRL's parents, Zor-El and Allura, live in Kandor? Can't they be trusted to use their powers for good, considering they ARE SUPERGIRL's parents? I think you keep them "preserved" in the bottle city in case you need them occasionally!

Lora Dixen
Hoffman Estates, Illinois

Dear Lora:

The decision to live in Kandor was Zor-El's, and in the circumstances anybody would have made the SAME decision. With Argo City destroyed, Kandor is the last surviving center of Kryptonian culture. So the only chance for Zor-El and Allura to live as they have always lived is Kandor, where their only surviving friends (and distant relatives) live, too.

There's also another aspect to consider. The Kandorians are not gods . . . they're people, and among them are good people and occasional criminal-types. In Earth's environment they would gain super-powers, and being that powerful (and having advanced scientific knowledge as well) is a great responsibility. A whole community of super-powered people would wreak havoc with Terran culture, politics, scales of values, etc. The Kandorians realize this, and so their leaders have formulated a complex system for keeping constant tabs on all their citizens. To keep the way clear for Superman and SUPERGIRL (who have trained themselves to use their powers as they SHOULD be used), the Kandorians remain in their city. Zor-El and Allura would not attempt to alter this delicate situation. Their decision to live in Kandor is logical, unselfish and necessary (at least for the present).

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Dear Editor:

Since Linda Danvers is a college graduate, old enough to vote, she is legally classified as an adult. Therefore, it is becoming increasingly inappropriate to continue calling her alter-ego SUPERGIRL. While it may seem a little late, considering that her magazine has already been titled and all, I feel that Super*WOMAN* is a more proper "nom de cape." It has to happen sooner or later . . . So why not now, before she becomes "Super Senior-Citizen"?

Karl Merris
San Diego, California

Dear Karl:

There are many answers to your most profound question. From our side: (1) "SUPERWOMAN" has too many letters to use as a title, (2) The change would affect SUPERGIRL's editorial staff severely and (3) We like her the way she is now!—From SUPERGIRL's side: (1) She'd have to change all her business cards, (2) She's got enough *problems already without trying to get accustomed to herself in a new frame of reference, and (3) Since she hasn't done anything about it, SUPERGIRL must ALSO like herself the way she is now!*

Allan Asherman
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